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AIR FORCE FLIGHT TEST CENTER (AFFTC)

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This mission directive defines the mission of the Air Force Flight Test Center (AFFTC) and implements Air Force Policy Directive 10-1, *Mission Directives*. It does not apply to the Air National Guard or the US Air Force Reserve.

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS

This revision contains minor word changes for clarification; deletes reference to ARIA aircraft, and provides regulatory reference for installation commander.

1. Mission. AFFTC is charged with supporting the Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC) mission by conducting and supporting research, development, test and evaluation of both manned and unmanned aerospace vehicles. This mission involves not only all aspects of testing of aerospace vehicles, but includes the flight evaluation and recovery of research vehicles, development testing of aerodynamic decelerators, and the operation of the US Air Force Test Pilot School. The center operates a fleet of test bed aircraft for early development and testing of new avionics. The Center supports and participates in test and evaluation programs for the Air Force, other Department of Defense activities, and other government agencies, as well as for contractors and foreign governments.

2. Command. AFFTC, Edwards AFB, California, is a primary subordinate unit of Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC). See AFMC Supplement 1 to AFI 38-101 for installation commander designation.

3. Organization Structure. The organization structures of AFFTC and its subordinate units are in accordance with the Air Force Blueprint, AFI 38-101, *Air Force Organization*, and HQ USAF-approved variances to the structures. The approved Blueprint organization structure for AFFTC is at <https://www.afmc-mil.wpafb.af.mil/organizations/HQ-AFMC/XP/XPM/xpmo/index.htm>.

3.1. Organization Changes. Requests to change the organizational structures of AFFTC and its subordinate organizations and units must be made in accordance with AFI 38-101 and HQ AFMC/XP

policy guidance. Requests that require HQ AFMC/XP approval must be submitted through AFFTC/XPM and approved by AFFTC/CC.

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